

VIDEO MUSIC SEEN

Video Today takes a look
at the video music scene



Feargal Sharkey

POWERSTATION — EP

PMI

30 minutes

Bravely proving that there was life after (or rather outside) **Duran Duran**, **John** and **Andy Taylor** last year joined forces with veteran singer **Robert Palmer** to form **Powerstation**.

The fruits of that collaboration are to be found on this cassette, which comprises 'Some Like It Hot', 'Communication' and their cover version of the T-Rex classic 'Get It On (Bang A Gong)'. All three singles charted and helped the **Powerstation** album go gold last year.

Excellent additional footage features the band together with producer **Bernard Edwards** recording the album in the studio and interview footage with **John**, **Andy** and **Robert Palmer** discussing the formation of and concept behind this one-off project.

VISIONS OF DIANA ROSS — EP

PMI

30 minutes

This compilation includes all of Diana's promotional videos for the singles released through the **Capitol Records** label since 1981.

The video includes the top twenty hits 'Why Do Fools Fall In Love', 'Muscles' and of course the recent No. 1 hit 'Chain Reaction' written by and co-starring the **Bee Gees**. The excellent video for this last hit, which features Diana in a series of dazzling costumes from the 60s and 80s, was directed by **David Mallet**, among whose recent credits have included promos for **Paul Young**, **Tina Turner** (filmed at the NEC) together with **Bowie** and **Jagger's** magnificent 'Dancing In The Street' video.

THE HITS 4 VIDEO COLLECTION

RCA/Columbia Pictures Video

55 minutes

A total of 14 music videos, featuring 10 of the tracks on The Hits 4 album which was a simultaneous release and subsequently reached the No. 1 position in the LP charts.

Featured promos include the recent **Bangles'** smash hit 'Manic Monday' written by a certain 'Christopher' (otherwise known as **Prince**); **Howard Jones'** 'No One Is To Blame' and the debut hit by the **Blow Monkeys** — 'Digging Your Scene'. Also featured are numbers by

Wham!, **Paul Hardcastle**, **Dee C Lee** and **Matt Bianco**.

THE STORY OF THE BEE GEES

MGM/UA Home Video

60 minutes

Featuring the intriguing story of how, when the three **Gibb** brothers were miming at an Australian concert, the record broke down, forcing the brothers to sing. Soon after the world discovered their remarkable harmonies.

Linked with some 33 songs, the brothers talk frankly about the ups-and-downs of their remarkable career, the influence of **Brian Epstein** and **Robert Stigwood**, the band's split and reunion and the huge world-wide success of their 'Saturday Night Fever' album.

Narrated by **Roger Scott**, the featured songs include such hits as 'Massachusetts', 'Saved By The Bell', 'My World' and 'How Deep Is Your Love'.

THE STORY OF ABBA

MGM/UA Home Video

54 minutes

Narrated by **Steve Taylor**, **The Story Of ABBA** covers the group's formation and how their Eurovision Song Contest win in 1974 with 'Waterloo' set them on the road to international fame and fortune.

Together with 25 of their most popular songs, the group **Bjorn**, **Benny**, **Agnetha** and **Frida** — talk about their early lives, the huge world tours and their personal relationships.

Songs include 'Mama Mia', 'Dancing Queen', 'Money Money' and 'The Name Of The Game'.

The Bee Gees



TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS

— Pack Up The Plantation

Virgin Video

90 minutes

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers are undoubtedly one of the most popular and creative bands to have emerged in the last decade. Aside from their own work, the **Heartbreakers** have also become much sought-after sidemen for songwriters, contributing to albums by **Bob Dylan**, **Stevie Nicks**, **Eurythmics**, **The Ramones** and **Ry Cooder** to name but a few.

Here they are featured live in concert at their Wilham Theatre in Los Angeles performing some of their best-known tracks, including 'Refugee', 'American Girl' and the most recent hit 'Don't Come Around Here No More'. The latter produced an award-winning video based on **Alice In Wonderland**, and this is shown in parts throughout this live show.

JAMES BROWN — In Concert

Virgin Video

60 minutes

After 15 years in the profession, **James Brown** has just assured his position as the master of funk as well as gaining a whole new generation of fans thanks to his Top 5 smash hit 'Living In America' which he performed in the film **Rocky IV**.

James Brown In Concert was filmed by **Doh Coutts** for CCTV at one of the singer's three sell-out **Hammersmith Odeon** concerts last year.

Tracks include classics such as 'Papa's Got A Brand New Bag', 'It's A Man's Man's World', 'Get Up I Feel Like Being A Sex Machine' and 'Get Up Offa That Thing', together with some of his more recent material.

FEARGAL SHARKEY

Virgin Video

30 minutes

This six-track compilation spans **Feargal Sharkey's** successful solo career since he split up from the **Underones**.

The tape comprises his hit 'You Little Thief', together with 'Never Never', 'Listen To Your Father', 'Loving You', and his most recent hit single 'Someone To Somebody'.